

The United States Assay Office at Philadelphia,

Office of the Assayer in Charge.

March 7th 1890.

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Supt Philadelphia Mint.-

Philadelphia, Pa.-

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Yours respectfully,



Acting Assayer in Charge.-

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No. of Inclosures,

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[Enclosed note:]

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